THE FALCON FLYER

March 7, 2011





Dear Floral Street School Families.

We'd like to thank everyone who came out on Saturday morning for our annual Breakfast with Somebuddy Special. This is a wonderful event, not because we're focused on reading, writing, or science, but because it is a simple opportunity for families to come together and participate in this very special community – to sit, to talk, to take the time with one another. We'd like to thank the PTO for their hard work in making this event happen. In particular, Jennifer Basgaard who was our coordinator this year and did a spectacular job! We'd also like to thank Susan Agneta, Brenda Buckley, Hannah Kane, Kim Lipka, and Victoria Plotnik for volunteering their time, and the Cassenelli family for our beautiful new banners that hung in the lobby and cafeteria. We'd also like to thank our cafeteria staff who gave their time: Sandy Dionis, Lucy Rodriguez and Kristi Baldino.

Tomorrow night brings another PTO event, our annual "MCAS 101" presentation! Have you ever wondered what the MCAS was all about? Do you have questions you'd like to ask about the test – your child's experience taking them? How the results are used? Join us as we address these questions and give you the opportunity to ask others – we promise that you'll even have fun! The meeting runs from 7:00 to 8:00 and childcare for **school-aged** children will be provided.

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Destination Imagination

This past weekend the Destination Imagination Regional Tournament was held at Millbury High School, and a number of Floral Street students past and present placed very well in the competitions! We couldn't be more proud of the high levels of achievement, curiosity, creativity, and persistence demonstrated by these students!

First Place & going on to the State Tournament in *Verses, Foiled Again* (structural challenge): Jonathan Crutchfield, Kate St. Pierre, Kristen Hanna, Samantha Welsh.

First Place & going on to the State Tournament in *Unidentified Moving Object* (technical challenge): Varun Subbiam, Eashan Prabhu, Sriya Maguluri, Aarshiya Sachdeva, and Christopher Petrangelo.

Second in *Verses, Foiled Again* (structural challenge): Harini Shanmugam, Shray Narang, and Shruthi Sivasub.

Third in *Unidentified Moving Object* (technical challenge): Sumedh Vemuganti and Manasvi Vietla.

PTO Notes:

Literacy Night - SAVE THE DATE!!!

Floral Street School will be hosting Literacy Night on Friday, April 8^{th} at 5:30 pm. Please help us out by donating any gently used or new books to the book swap. We especially need books for $2^{nd} - 4^{th}$ grade level. There are bins set up in the school lobby labeled "Book Swap". Any questions please email Maureen Harrington at harrington.net. Thanks so much for your help!

April Showers Calendar

Our **April Showers Calendars** went home in your child's backpack today!! Each white envelope contains five raffle tickets to be sold at \$10.00 a ticket. Each ticket has 30 chances to win money prizes with the **Grand Prize** of **\$400.00**. Winners will be announced on our Floral Street School Website and checks mailed during the first week of May. All ticket stubs and money should be returned by **Monday, March 28th**. Kindly make checks payable to Floral Street School PTO. The first drawing will be held on Friday, April 1st. Any tickets received after the start will be added that day. Extra tickets are available in the main office. The student who sells the most tickets will receive a Floral Street School Sweatshirt!! For questions please feel free to contact Patti Wolohan at wolohan5@townisp.com. *Thank you for your support!!*

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at: http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/department/division.php?fDD=20-17

Important Dates:

March 8th PTO General Meeting – MCAS 101

April 8th Literacy Night

April 18th – 22nd No School – Patriots Day & Spring Vacation

May 24, 25, 26 Fourth Grade Chorus Concerts

June 8th Incoming Grade 5 Student & Parent Open House @ SMS

MCAS Dates:

March 22nd Long Composition – 4th Grade
March 23rd & 24th ELA – 3rd Grade

The full district school calendar is available at:

http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1276871197 585906.pdf